

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT

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We wish to correspond with every preacher in Kentucky in reference to the circulation of the HERALD, and contributions to its columns. Send for terms.

A Church Need.

Every church needs men who are good financiers—church financiers. No congregation but has men who are good financiers, so far as their own business is concerned, but many of these give no attention to church finances.

A few days ago we were conversing with an evangelist of age and experience, who is laboring all the time for a coöperation of churches. He is succeeding excellently, having organized two churches in four months, besides having several additions at other points. He stated that his work went on well enough, but the churches did not send in their pledges. They are willing to fulfill their promises, but from some defect in our teaching they do not attend to paying unless hunted up. They go to pay their store bills and other debts. But they do not seem to feel the obligation to pay a preacher, as binding as a promise to pay any one else.

To look up this matter, two or more men should be appointed in every church to attend to this.

It should be attended to as punctually and faithfully as any secular business. Yes, more so.

One of our greatest weaknesses is a lack of a good financial system. In this our religious neighbors are ahead of us. We should, by experience, develop some system that will enlist all our members to give as the Lord prospers them.

We will wait for some of our more experienced brethren to speak out; and by and by we will devote a few articles to the question. We have no pet theory, but wish to look the matter square in the face, and suggest as best we may, the best method of raising money.

In the meantime, let all of our churches be diligent in devoting their means to the spread of the gospel. Let them see that each one gives as he should. After all, the real need is men who will attend to collecting.

How God Protects Us.

A tide was kept back strangely for twelve hours once, and so a host

of Christians in Holland were saved from slaughter by the Duke

of Alva. A tremendous wind once scattered the Armada of Spain over the wide wastes of the North Sea, and so Protestant England was spared to the world. John Knox moved his usual seat away from before the window one night, pressed by a feeling he could neither understand nor resist; an hour later there came a musket-ball, crashing the glass and burying itself harmlessly in the opposite wall.

Such things occur almost every day in some conspicuous and exposed lives. One man had a conviction that he must not take a certain train, another feels that danger lies in his embarking upon a certain ship; the train is afterward wrecked, or the vessel lost; now the man knows that God interposed and protected him; and he offers a new consecration of his life thus spared as the only return he can make.—*C. S. Robinson, D.D.*

Perhaps one of the greatest weaknesses of Christians is a failure to recognize the perpetual care of God for his children, both temporally and spiritually. It is noteworthy that as men grow more spiritual minded and understand God's word better, they are firmer believers in particular providences. This is one of the most glorious and blessed features of the gospel. Under all circumstances, and at all times He is caring for us, if we are but trying to obey him. How thankful we should be for this fatherly care. Let us ever live so that we can be continually under the shadow of his wing, and as the apple of his eye.

Notes and Comments.

J. S. Hendrick reports 4 confessions at Brooksville.

Bro. Elliot's meeting at Meaford, Canada, closed with 7 additions.

Bro. McGarvey recently gave a series of lectures on the Bible, at Fort Scott, Kan.

Prof. P. H. Duncan succeeds C. Cline as State S. S. evangelist. Bro. D. has no superior as a S. S. worker.

F. D. Srygley, who edited a "Texas Department" in the *Old Path Guide*, has become one of the regular editors, and he came to Louisville in July.

M. C. Kurfees, who has been for

some time in Mexico and Texas has returned to Frankfort. Bro.

K. is a first-class young man and we are glad to welcome him among us again.

The Outlook for July presents a good bill of fare, for those who are interested in the Sabbath question.

It is edited by A. H. Lewis, D.D., assisted by C. D. Potter, M. D. Price, 25 cents per year. Alfred Center, N. Y.

Bro. Munro, of Canada, was ordained at Lexington recently by Bros. Loos, Graham, Grubbs and Cowden. We do not know Bro. M. personally, but know of him, and expect good results from his labors. He refuses several calls here, to return to Canada, and he is right, as Canada is scarce of preachers. We wish him abundant success; the richest blessings of the Father.

Not long ago we had the privilege of discussing a question about which we have some peculiar ideas. There was present several preachers and about 1200 people. We invited criticisms. The first critic, while he was candid, was courteous. But the second one, instead of discussing the matter in hand, indulged in personalities, and made statements to the effect that we had gone clear beyond the Bible, &c., &c. It is a sorrowful matter, and one that causes every true and lovely man regret, that so many men fall into this error. Let us do as Paul did: "When I became a man I put away childish things." Let us not be babes any more.

In a recent note Bro. Errett speaks of the harrassing cares of city life, and their tendency to draw one away from the contemplation of heavenly things. Knowing this to be true, we wonder why our leading writers do not seek the quiet of rural districts, when they can have closer communion with nature and nature's God. Of all places, the country is the best for devotion. Feeling the need of quiet and repose, we have come to the country. We can in 5 minutes walk be in the forest and enjoy nature and God more fully and freely than in any costly city temple. We invite our city editors to come to the country.

We have received a catalogue of Eminence College for 1883-4. Pres. W. S. Giltner has succeeded in building up an excellent institu-

tion. He has eight assistant teachers, who are quite efficient in their departments. There were in attendance last year 62 females and 68 males. There were eight graduates, four taking the degree of M. S., and four B. S. The degree of A. M. was conferred G. A. Holland, Chattanooga, Tenn. Seven States were represented. The annual address, by George Darsie, of Frankfort, sustains his reputation as a speaker. Eminence has tested the practicability of co-education. We recommend the school to all who wish to surround their children with healthful influences, and to give them opportunities for education. For catalogue containing full information, address W. S. Giltner, Eminence, Henry county, Ky.

AN EXAMPLE.—At the Mexican War Veteran's Reunion at Cincinnati in 1882, the Mayor gave them a supper at the Highland House. With the various courses there were five different kinds of wine. A veteran, and a preacher, who requested that no wine be put at his plate, but the request was disregarded, said that as far as he could see, at every plate, at the conclusion of the supper, were five empty glasses. At his own were five full ones. This is the kind of total abstinence that wins. This man dared to be a Daniel in the midst of revelry, where the temptation was strong to drink. O, for millions of such men. On another occasion, this same man was a prisoner in Camp Chase. A few days after his release, he was a guest of Hon. A. G. Thurman, of Ohio. At the first meal the red wine was poured and offered to the guest. He declined to drink. "Why," said the distinguished judge, "this is not intoxicating; it is light and pleasant." "It's against my principles to drink," said the guest. And the afterward attentions of the judge proved that he honored his guest more for his steadfastness.

Every new church built is a fresh and emphatic announcement to every noisy infidel and scientific agnostic that the people are not yet ready to throw away their Bibles, their God, and their hope of immortality. Let such notices be multiplied on every hand. The best reply to an infidel is to build a church and thus propagate the pure spirit of the Gospel.—*Christian at Work.*